

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2. (amended) The device of claim 1 6, wherein the raised surfaces ~~comprises a pair of bumps located on opposite sides~~ comprise a first bump on the first side of the body and a second bump on the second side of the body.

Claim 3. (amended) The device of claim 1 6, wherein the handle portion further comprises a contoured rear end configured to facilitate one-handed use of the device and comprising a pair of enlarged lobes spaced apart from one another by a connecting segment, with the enlarged lobes and the connecting segment each having a thickness, with the thicknesses of the enlarged lobes each being greater than the thickness of the connecting segment and the thickness of the body, and wherein the enlarged lobes define tapered portions that are oriented substantially perpendicular to the elongate recesses in the elongate body.

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (amended) The device of claim 4 7, wherein ~~the~~ a ratio of the thickness of each of the enlarged lobes to the thickness of the connecting segment is from about 2:1 to about 4:1.

Claim 6 (New) A one piece surgical device for perforating an amniotic membrane, the device comprising a tapered elongate body having a substantially uniform, relatively narrow thickness defining a first side, a second side opposite the first side, a first edge, a second edge opposite the first edge, the body including a tip portion, a handle portion opposite the tip portion, elongate recesses on the first and second sides of the body between the tip portion and the handle portion, wherein the tip portion

includes a blunt end surface on the first edge thereof and a hook portion projecting toward the handle portion on the second edge thereof, wherein the handle portion includes one or more raised orientation indicating surfaces located on the first and second sides of the handle portion closely adjacent the first edge, and wherein the handle portion is substantially devoid of raised orientation indicating surfaces adjacent the second edge.

Claim 7 (New) A one piece surgical device for perforating an amniotic membrane, the device comprising a tapered elongate body having a substantially uniform, relatively narrow thickness defining a first side, a second side opposite the first side, a first edge, a second edge opposite the first edge, the body including a tip portion, a handle portion opposite the tip portion, and elongate recesses on the first and second sides of the body between the tip portion and the handle portion, wherein the tip portion includes a blunt end surface on the first edge thereof and a hook portion projecting toward the handle portion on the second edge thereof, wherein the handle portion includes a contoured rear end configured to facilitate one-handed use of the device and comprising a pair of enlarged lobes spaced apart from one another by a connecting segment, with the enlarged lobes and the connecting segment each having a thickness, wherein the thickness of the enlarged lobes is greater than the thickness of the connecting segment and the thickness of the body, and wherein the enlarged lobes define tapered portions that are oriented substantially perpendicular to the elongate recesses in the elongate body.

Claim 8 (New) A one piece surgical device for perforating an amniotic membrane, the device comprising a tapered elongate body having a substantially uniform thickness defining a first side, a second side opposite the first side, a first edge, a second edge opposite the first edge, the body including a tip portion, a handle portion opposite the tip portion, and elongate recesses on the first and second sides of the body between the tip portion and the handle portion, wherein the tip portion includes a blunt

end surface on the first edge thereof and a hook portion projecting toward the handle portion on the second edge thereof, wherein the handle portion includes a first raised surface on the first side of the body closely adjacent the first edge and a second raised surface on the second side of the body closely adjacent the first edge for hook orientation determination by a user, and wherein the handle portion is substantially smooth adjacent the second edge.

Claim 9. (new) The device of claim 8, wherein the raised surfaces comprise a first bump on the first side of the body and a second bump on the second side of the body.

Claim 10. (new) The device of claim 9, wherein the handle portion further comprises a contoured rear end configured to facilitate one-handed use of the device and comprising a pair of enlarged lobes spaced apart from one another by a connecting segment, with the enlarged lobes and the connecting segment each having a thickness, with the thicknesses of the enlarged lobes each being greater than the thickness of the connecting segment and the thickness of the body, and wherein the enlarged lobes define tapered portions that are oriented substantially perpendicular to the elongate recesses in the elongate body.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute attached Figs. 2 and 3 for the figures 2 and 3 originally filed with the application wherein the duplicate numeral 18 was changed to 19 as shown on the marked up drawings of Figs. 2 and 3.